

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in the instant application.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended herewith. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced by way of the amendments.

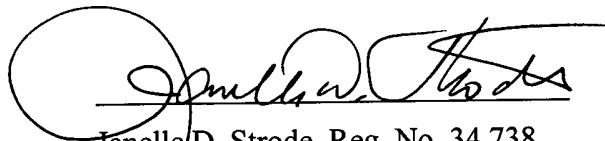
Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been rendered moot in view of the instant amendments. Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 16 to further define the total weight percent of the monomeric and oligomeric components as combined to not exceed 100 wt %. Further, Applicants maintain the claim language specifically refers to the **imine content of the composition** in parts (i), (ii), and (iii), and thus is not indefinite. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu *et al* (U.S. Patent No. 5,593,735) for reasons of record. Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been rendered moot in view of the instant amendment. Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to exclude carbamate co-crosslinking agents from Applicants' crosslinker composition as are required by the curable compositions of Wu *et al*. A *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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